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"THIS paper claims the youngest compositor in the state."—Observer.

The mystery has been solved at last. Undoubtedly the 67 subscribers of that paper have often wondered who was responsible for the innumerable typographical errors that appear week after week.

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S OPINION.

The Sage of Monticello laid down the three famous tests for an office seeker: Is he honest? Is he capable? Is he faithful to the constitution? After reading Dr. Benjamin Rush's famous book on "Effects of Ardent Spirits on the Human Body and Mind," which confirmed his own observation and experience, he added a fourth test. Said he: "The habit of using ardent spirits by men in public office has occasioned more injury to the civil service, and more trouble to me than any other circumstance which has occurred in the internal concerns of the country during my administration; and were I to commence my administration again, with the knowledge, which, from experience I have acquired, the first question I would ask with regard to every candidate for office should be, 'Is he addicted to the use of ardent spirits?'"—From "Neal Dow and His Century," by Carlos Martyn.

TRUE SAYINGS OF GREAT MEN.

(From Neal Dow and His Century, by Carlos Martyn.)

"By abstaining from sensual indulgences we become temperate."—Aristotle.

"Drink not liquors that intoxicate and disturb the reason."—Buddha.

"Surely wine is abomination, a snare of satan, therefore avoid it."—Mohammed.

"There is never the body of a man, how strong and stout soever, if it be troubled and inflamed, but will take more harm and offense by wine being poured into it."—Plutarch.

"Whosoever hath wine hath not himself."—Augustine.

"Where will we find a sermon strong enough to rescue us from this drink devil?"—Martin Luther.

"All the crimes on earth do not destroy so many of the human race, nor alienate so much property as intemperance."—Lord Bacon.

"Wine and youth are fire upon fire."—Fielding.

"In all the towns and countries I have seen, I never saw a city or a village yet whose miseries were not in proportion to the number of its public drink houses."—Oliver Goldsmith.

IN EAST AFRICA.

CHARLES E. HURLBURT, president of the Pennsylvania Bible Institute, and director of the African Inland Mission, for years past, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Pennsylvania, a former Oberlin boy, whose wife was Alta Houghton, is now on the ground to establish mission stations along the route of a railroad being built in the interior of East Africa. His letters speak of Mombasa, Freetown, Kangunda and Simba, which in our ignorance of the local geography of that part of the continent is not especially enlightening. He finds a beautiful country and more healthful than he had supposed; hot in the direct rays of the sun, but invigorated by cool breezes from the Indian ocean.

The confusion of Babel still reigns in the dialect of different tribes. He speaks of a man-power street car line from Mombasa to Kilindini, two miles, and the railway speed on steam trains was ten miles an hour. Their lunch in a day's journey consisted of bread, jam, oranges, mangoes and bananas.

Mr. Patterson, a mechanical engineer, building a large railroad bridge, was very hospitable, and would have detained these white strangers, who spoke his own tongue, for companionship. The workmen were Coolies from India.

The Sepoys or soldiers were there guarding the men, for the native lion was hungry for human flesh, and watched every chance to secure such prey, devouring these Hindoos within a hundred feet of shouting companions without retiring to privacy to make his meal. The Coolies sleep in a thorn fence enclosure, but the missionaries were invited to share the security of a corrugated iron portable house along with the engineer. This engineer had watched from a tree top three long nights in succession without avail, after barely escaping with his life from the same lion, who had a family in the jungle to provide for and was only attending to his duty from a lion's point of view.

It was a gruesome incident of railway travel to have brought to the train a basket of bones, all that was left of the father of some poor family in India, eaten by the lions two hours before. These railroad builders lead lonely lives and are glad to get the news from anyone only six weeks out from New York. The rhinoceros and hyena are other neighbors of the African resident in the near-by jungle.

As a severe famine was prevailing, a hearty supper of well-cooked food in several courses, finishing up with California apricots; and a breakfast before train time consisted of eggs, crackers and tea, were mentioned as comforting realities in foreign hospitality.

Mr. Hurlburt expected to leave Zanzibar for home by way of the French Mail, February 27th, stopping a few days in England. This prospecting is a part of the Student's Volunteer Missionary movement.

M. H. H.

THE NOVEL OF THE DAY.

THE talk of the month in metropolitan literary circles is The Open Question, the novel by the well known American actress Elizabeth Robins. The book was published in English last autumn, and came to America with the stamp of approval of the best English critics. The noted artist, Whistler, has pronounced it, in his estimation, the novel of the age, and at some time or other we may look for an edition with with appropriate illustrations from his brush. "Dr. Kellner," the great German savant, is another celebrity who was struck at first sight with the artistic power of the novel. As soon as he had read it, he wrote to Miss Robins, asking that he be permitted to translate it into German. With such a European record behind this book, it is of interest to note its reception in the author's native country. New York critics are very divided in their opinions, but all agree that it is a novel of unusual power, and one that is destined to be talked about through the length and breadth of the land. One critic said that it was one of the great American novels. Another was certain that it was anything but that, and while admitting the genius of the writer, condemned the book severely. The opinions of other critics have varied between these extremes, but they have all given the book the full discussion which it merited. The novel which has created such a literary sensation on both sides of the Atlantic is called "A Tale of Two Temperaments," and is a study of an American family that has degenerated through long-continued intermarriage and inherited disease. This family—the Ganos—were prominent southern people and were reduced to poverty by the war, after which they removed to a small town somewhere in the Middle States, where the greater part of the scene is laid. Ethan Gano, the hero of the story, was brought up by his maternal grandfather in Boston, and Val Gano, the heroine, with Mrs. Gano in the country town in the Middle States. The first half of the book describes the youth of each. Ethan has inherited a great fortune from his grandfather, while Val, his first cousin, is almost



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ELIZABETH ROBINS.

in poverty. Matters are at such a stage when Ethan, after years of European life, comes back to Mrs. Gano and Val. It is the first time Val has seen him. She has heard much about him, has written to him, and has dreamed of seeing him. She falls in love with him at first sight, and he returns her love. Outlined briefly, the points of the tragedy that follow are these: They have decided to marry, when Ethan has a long conversation with Val's father, who knows nothing of his daughter's love for Ethan. Val overhears this conversation, in which John Gano points out the curse that intermarriage has brought upon the Gano family, the fact that consumption is hereditary on both sides of the house, and expresses the opinion that it would be criminal for a Gano to perpetuate the race. In spite of all that, Val and Ethan make their compact to marry, and determine to have one year of perfect happiness, and they decide if a new life announces its coming to commit suicide together. They enjoy their year of perfect happiness, and then, as a child is about to be born, they fulfil their compact. In a little sail-boat they sail away into the sunset out through the Golden Gate, and there the story ends. There are in reality two open questions: One is, whether it was right for physically unfit men and women to perpetuate their race, and the other whether suffering men and women are justified in opening for themselves the gates of death. The book is suggestive merely. It simply states the question and makes no attempt to answer them. The tragedy is made more powerful by the fact that Val and Ethan combine in themselves the very highest intellectual powers and are both in the best physical health when the compact is carried out. It is the fear of what may come—that is almost sure to come—that makes it wrong for themselves to do otherwise.

BOARD OF HEALTH

OF THE STATE CLEARLY DEFINE THE DUTY OF THE LOCAL OFFICERS.

Quarantine Regulations Must Be Strictly Enforced in Order to Prevent its Spread—Fortunately the people of Wellington Have Nothing to Fear.

In as much as some of our citizens are disposed to criticize the action of our Board of Health and Health officer in dealing with the case of small-pox now in our community, (and of which there is no longer any question,) we herewith publish the rules adopted by the State Board of Health for such cases, and by which we are obliged to govern matters.

To the local boards of health of Ohio:

Your attention is hereby directed to the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Health for the Prevention of Small-pox, as given below.

The following rules and regulations cover the essential points in dealing with cases of small-pox, and their strict enforcement will be required. The State Board of Health, upon request, will give prompt assistance to the local authorities of any community in which small-pox makes its appearance.

1. Physicians called to attend persons suffering from smallpox, varioloid (modified small-pox) or chicken-pox, shall report the fact within 12 hours to the board of health within whose jurisdiction such persons are found, giving their names and addresses.

2. When there is good reason to suspect the existence of small-pox in any house or place from a report other than from a physician, it shall be the duty of the board of health to at once make an investigation, by sending a physician to examine and report upon suspected cases.

3. In the case of small-pox or varioloid it shall be the duty of the board of health receiving such report to at once placard the house in which the patient resides or is found, announcing in large letters the existence of small-pox within, which placard shall not be removed until after recovery of the patient and disinfection of the house; or the board may remove the patient to an infectious disease hospital, disinfect the house and contents, and quarantine the inmates who are not protected against small-pox by a previous attack of the disease, or by recent successful vaccination, for 16 days from the completion of such disinfection.

4. In the case of chicken-pox it shall be the duty of the board of health to at once placard the house in which the patient resides or is found, announcing in large letters the existence of contagious disease within, which placard shall not be removed until after the recovery of the patient.

5. A quarantine notice shall be served upon the head of the household forbidding any one to enter or leave the premises except the attending physician or other person authorized by the board of health.

6. It shall be the duty of the local board of health to strictly enforce this order, which shall be done by placing a day and night guard over quarantined houses whenever necessary.

7. All persons unprotected against small-pox by a former attack of the disease, or by recent successful vaccination, known to have been exposed to a person suffering from small-pox in the eruptive stage of the disease, shall be quarantined for 16 days from time of last exposure, and be vaccinated.

8. Quarantine of small-pox patients shall be maintained until they have completely desquamated or scaled off, as certified by a reputable physician, and until the house and its contents have been properly disinfected under the supervision of the board of health. Persons in the house with the patient who are not protected against small-pox by a recent successful vaccination or a former attack of the disease, shall be quarantined for 16 days from the time disinfection of the house is completed.

9. Persons who have recently recovered from small-pox, or suspected small-pox, the nature of their malady not having been known or recognized at the time of their illness, shall not be returned to their homes until their dwellings and contents, including the clothing of all the inmates, are properly disinfected under the supervision of the board of health.

10. No child in a community in which small-pox actually exists, shall be permitted to attend any public, parochial or private school without presenting satisfactory evidence of having been successfully vaccinated.

11. It shall be the duty of the local board of health or its health officer receiving a report of a case of small-pox within the jurisdiction of such board, to at once report the case, by telegram if possible, to the State Board of Health.

12. The Secretary of the State Board of Health, as its Executive Officer, is hereby authorized and directed to secure the strict enforcement of the above rules and regulations, with such modifications thereof and such additions thereto as the exigencies of any particular case may demand.

Sec. 2 The state board of health shall have supervision of all matters relating to the preservation of the life and health of the people of the state. The board shall have supreme authority in matters of quarantine, and may declare and enforce it when none exists, may modify, relieve, or abolish it when it has been established. The board may make special or standing orders or regulations for the prevention of the spread of contagious or infectious diseases, and for governing the receipt and conveyance of remains of deceased persons, and such other sanitary matters as admit of and may best be controlled by a universal rule. It may also make and enforce orders in local matters, when emergency exists, and the local board of health has neglected or refused to act with sufficient promptness or efficiency or when such board has not been established as provided in this chapter, and all necessary expenses so incurred shall be paid by the city, village, or township for which services are rendered. It shall be the duty of all local boards of health, health authorities and officials, officers of state institutions, police officers, sheriffs, constables, and all other officers and employees of state, or any county, city or township thereof, to enforce such quarantine and sanitary rules and regulations as may be adopted by the state board of health, and in the event of failure or refusal on the part of any member of said boards or other officials, or persons in this section mentioned to so act, or he or they shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars upon first conviction, and upon conviction of second offense of a fine not less than one hundred dollars. The board shall make careful inquiry as to the cause of disease especially when contagious, infectious, epidemic, or endemic, and take prompt action to control and suppress it.

C. O. PROBST, M. D.
SECRETARY.

A Surprise Party.

Last Saturday was the 55th milestone in the life path of Mrs. H. A. Knapp, of Barker street. The Ladies of the Macabees and Hamlin Relief Corps, with their husbands, (to both of which societies Mrs. Knapp belongs,) concluded to celebrate the event, by calling upon her in a body on Saturday evening. Accordingly when Hiram had gotten everything ready and had seated himself in the middle of the floor and was busily engaged in amusing himself and some of the other children playing with toys, making mud pies, etc., etc., in came the party and filled the room to overflowing in very short order. Mrs. K. was genuinely surprised and so was Hiram (mt) though his capability for assuming surprise is unsurpassed by any man in town. The guests numbered exactly 55, a singular coincidence, considering the age (55) of the recipient of the honor.

A good time was had and that might go without saying, considering its composition. Some neat tokens of remembrance were left, a good supper was enjoyed and thus the ladies and their husbands helped to mark another bright spot in the life of their sister.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank those who aided at the fire which destroyed my house and household goods. Mary E. Loveland, Brighton, Ohio.

House and Barn to Rent.

House and barn for rent on Maygar street. Inquire of Wm. H. H. Sulliff.

Farm for Sale.

The farm known as the late Rev. M. L. Starr farm, located one mile south and one fourth mile west of the center of Penfield, Lorain county, O., containing 218 acres. Good buildings, good water and about 75 acres of timber. For further information inquire of [15-22-1-8] W. J. KREBS, Penfield.

A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.

Easter Festival—Flower and Plant Exhibition.

One of the circles into which the modern church aid society divides its woman membership for benevolent work—in this instance that of the Methodist Episcopal church of Wellington, has adopted a plan of gratifying a flower-loving public with an opportunity of studying what nature, aided by human assistance, has been doing in readiness for Spring. A long-suffering world, engaged in circumventing cold and frost for four or five months, will welcome every sign of a budding and blossoming and growing spring-time. Our florists have kindly consented to aid and abet this amicable project of the ladies to cultivate in the busy and absorbed business man, and plodding housekeeping woman a love for and appreciation of the beauty and delight there is in owning and fostering the growth of fruit and flower-bearing plants.

Wellington is an up-to-date town in many respects. It has societies, orders and clubs galore. But is it not behind many other towns of its size in its general knowledge of fruit and flower culture, and its gardening? Why should so many of our good things for the table be imported?

We could afford to spare a little in the way of athletics and wheel exercise even, and beautify our yards and gardens more.

Let every body reserve their orders for fruit trees, vines, plants and shrubs and for seeds, and get them better and cheaper through our own florists at the Flower Festival. Music and light refreshments will be furnished free.

Commencement Honors of Class of '99.

At a meeting of the graduating class of the high school, held yesterday afternoon, for the selection of those to take the class honors, resulted as follows:

Salutatory, Ethel Cook.
Valedictory, Will Chapman.
Historian, Bertha Chapman.
Prophecy, Lizzie Rodhouse.

Elected their Officers.

The gentlemen interested in the construction of the Lorain and Amherst electric line met in Elyria yesterday and elected the directors and officers of the company; which is known as the Lorain County Railroad Company. Following are the officers and directors: Parks Foster, President.
H. G. Redington, Vice-president.
F. L. Fuller, Secretary and Treasurer.
W. B. Thompson and Daniel Freese, directors.

Lost.

The keys to the Grand Army Hall. The finder will please leave them at this office.

For Sale.

2½ acres of land and good house, one mile east of Rochester station. Inquire of HARRY CHARTREE. [319.]

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